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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Car accidents are the leading cause of death of 16
3 to 19-year olds; crashes on the road kill more teens than
4 cancer, homicide, and suicide combined; and

5 WHEREAS, In the United States, teen driver and peer
6 passenger deaths account for one quarter of total teen deaths
7 every year; and

8 WHEREAS, Distracted or impaired teen drivers are not only a
9 danger to themselves, but more than half a million people are
10 involved in crashes every year where a teen driver was behind
11 the wheel; and

12 WHEREAS, According to a study completed in 2011 by the
13 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and State Farm Insurance,
14 nearly one in five teen drivers involved in fatal crashes were
15 reported to have been distracted while driving; these figures
16 do not account for those accidents that are not reported; and

17 WHEREAS, Focusing attention on removing distractions and
18 preventing behaviors that are known to raise crash risk, such
19 as speeding, alcohol use, failure to wear a seat belt,
20 distractions from peer passengers, and texting while driving,
21 can lead to successfully and significantly lowering crash risks

1 for teen drivers; and

2 WHEREAS, Mt. Pulaski High School in Mt. Pulaski, Illinois,
3 will hold a student assembly on May 23, 2011 to educate high
4 school students about the dangers of distracted driving and
5 encourage them to practice safe driving habits; and

6 WHEREAS, Mt. Pulaski High School will welcome State Farm
7 Agent Deron Powell and Miss Illinois 2010, Whitney
8 Thorpe-Klinsky, to the high school as part of the presentation
9 on safe teen driving; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we recognize and applaud the students, faculty, and
13 administration of Mt. Pulaski High School for devoting time and
14 resources to encouraging students to drive safely and avoid
15 distractions while driving so that they arrive at their
16 destinations alive and well; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Mt. Pulaski High School as a symbol of our esteem
19 and respect.